

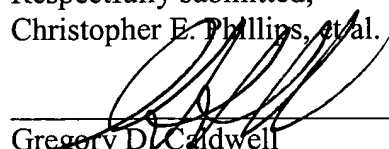
CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this amendment, favorable consideration of currently pending claims 8-22 is respectfully requested. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully solicited.

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